

FEBRUARY 11, 2014

CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

The City Council Regular Session meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Drexel, with Councilors Riggs, Ferguson, Steinbeck, and Hagan present along with City Attorney Fogo, City Manager Coleman, City Clerk Davidson, Community Development Director Westbay and WSCU Liaison Amber Leal. A Council quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Session Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2014. City Clerk Davidson informed Council she corrected an error at the bottom of page three and inserted a sentence that had been dropped from the document. Council has the revised minutes at their place settings.

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Ferguson seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting minutes of January 28, 2014, as revised this evening.

Roll call vote, yes: Riggs, Ferguson, Steinbeck, Hagan. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Roll call vote, abstain: Drexel. He was not in attendance at the meeting.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Action to Set Public Hearing on Sodexo America LLC Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License Application for 7:00 P.M., March 25, 2014. City Clerk Davidson informed Council that she has received the application and required documentation from Sodexo America LLC for a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License at the Western State Colorado University Center. The application is to serve malt, vinous and spirituous liquor at the University Center on campus. Sodexo has hired a consultant, Compliance Service of America (CSA) to develop the application. CSA has successfully completed applications for Sodexo at several college and university campuses throughout Colorado. The application has been reviewed by the City Attorney, Building Official, Fire Marshal and Police Chief. The applicant has requested and paid for a concurrent application review by the State of Colorado. Therefore, City Clerk Davidson is requesting a public hearing on the application be set. The public hearing has to be set for no sooner than 30 days from the receipt of the application by City Council.

Councilor Hagan moved and Councilor Riggs seconded the motion to set the Public Hearing on the new Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License Application from Sodexo America LLC, dba Sodexo, for the WSCU University Center, 600 N. Adams Street in Gunnison for 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 25, 2014, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 201 W. Virginia Avenue in Gunnison.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Action on Gunnison County Whitewater Park GOCO Grant Application Request for Financial Support.

Action on City's Participation in Region 10 Broadband Grant Application. These two items were combined for discussion and action.

City Manager Coleman reviewed the memo he included in Council's packets. There are limited discretionary funding options available in the approved 2014 Budget. He reviewed those budgeted funds. The City needs to live within the means that are available. The City Charter allows for financial reserves to be utilized for unanticipated expenditures required by the City but such additional appropriation shall not exceed the budgeted revenues for that year, unless the appropriation is necessary to relieve an emergency endangering the public health, peace or safety. Staff does not believe that third party requests constitute an emergency and using reserves for these requests is not an allowed sound financial practice. He then reminded Council that it is still early in the 2014 fiscal year. Staff's recommendation for the current requests for funding is to provide \$1,650 to Region 10 from Additional Contracts for Service and \$3,000 to the Gunnison County Whitewater Park improvements from the Economic Development funds. Staff and Council discussion ensued. Topics discussed included: the Whitewater Park provides an incredible economic and recreational value to the community; John Messner, representing the Whitewater Park grant stated that the additional \$2,000 will be raised by fundraising in the

community and he will be meeting with the Crested Butte Town Council to request funding; Michelle Haynes from Region 10 stated DOLA doesn't want to fund fragmented broadband projects so if all Region 10 members participate in the Broadband Grant application it will demonstrate unity in the region and strengthen the application; the broadband grant will focus on redundancy of services, affordability and availability of services; each participating Region 10 member will develop their own blueprint for broadband needs; Ms. Haynes reviewed the Region 10 services provided in Gunnison; there are limited funds available and it's not even six weeks into the year with more requests to come in the future; future funding requests should come during budget development; and the possibility of using reserve funds for these types of requests.

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Hagan seconded the motion to expend \$1,650.00 from the Additional Contracts for Service line item for the City's participation in the Region 10 Broadband Grant application and \$3,000.00 from the Economic Development line item for support of the Gunnison County Whitewater Park Improvements GOCO Grant application.

Roll call vote, yes: Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

City Telephone System Funding Request. Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson recused himself explaining his business is the contract IT provider for the City. He remained at the meeting to answer any technical questions City Council might have.

City Manager Coleman explained the recent sewer line backup caused moisture to infiltrate the electronics in the basement of City Hall. This caused a major malfunction of the phone network resulting in lost calls, failure of recording devices and a general inability to integrate both directions of certain phone calls. This created issues with dispatch operations and general service calls. The telephone technicians helped restore the network but issues persist in integrating the two types of phone platforms utilized by the City. Staff is requesting the use of reserve funds to address this emergency situation. Telephone communication is critical to the services we provide to the citizens. It is a critical safety issue. The funds will be utilized to move the equipment from City Hall to a safer environment in the new Police/Communications building and for the old Tadiran equipment to be replaced. City Hall and the Public Works facility will require upgrades to the digital VOIP equipment. The telephone system will then be compatible throughout the City. Staff's recommendation is to use \$35,000 from General Fund cash reserves to address this communication emergency.

Councilor Riggs questioned why the City should use reserve funds for this and not for the types of requests that were discussed earlier. Councilor Steinbeck stated that she felt this is an emergency. City Manager Coleman stated that this type of reserve use is allowed by City Charter.

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Hagan seconded the motion to expend up to \$35,000 from General Fund Reserves to correct the problems with the City telephone system.

Roll call vote, yes: Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs, Drexel. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Roll call vote, abstain: Ferguson.

Ordinance and Resolutions:

Ordinance No. 3, Series 2014: Re: Gunnison County Courthouse PUD Major Change; 2nd Reading. Councilor Riggs introduced Ordinance No. 3, Series 2014, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney.

Discussion ensued on the Ordinance. City Manager Coleman stated the City and County have been in continued discussions since the Ordinance was passed on first reading. Community Development Director Westbay stated the Ordinance included in their packets for consideration this evening includes the proposed amendment as shown in Section 3L. Assistant County Manager for Community Development Russell Forrest informed Council the engineers have worked out the details of the sewer line design and alignment. Mr. Forrest then made a modest request of Council to change the square footage requirement in Section 3B. from 48,000 to 50,000 sq. ft. This is just a 2,000 sq. ft. addition to allow the County more flexibility. Council

discussion centered on the issue of the additional square footage adding to the need for additional parking spaces. Community Development Director Westbay stated that he thinks the additional 2,000 sq. ft. doesn't generate a lot of parking spaces concern. He feels the concept of providing certainty is appropriate in this case.

Councilor Riggs moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 3, Series 2014, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON APPROVING A MAJOR CHANGE TO AN EXISTING PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, APPROVED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 11, SERIES 2006, TO AMEND THE CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS WITHIN THE PUD COMMERCIAL ZONE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF BLOCK 14, ORIGINAL GUNNISON, CITY AND COUNTY OF GUNNISON, AS AMENDED**, be introduced, read, passed, and adopted upon republication on second and final reading this 11th day of February, 2014.

Roll call vote, yes: Hagan, Riggs, Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Councilor Steinbeck stated, for the record, the additional allowed 2,000 sq. ft. are not to be used for office space. This is Councilor Steinbeck's request and is not a condition of the PUD Major Change Approval.

Resolution No 2, Series 2014; Re: GOCO Parks to Paths Grant Support. Councilor Ferguson introduced Resolution No. 2, Series 2014, and it was read by title only by Councilor Ferguson.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 2, Series 2014, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A PATH TO PARKS TRAILS GRANT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO FOR THE CITY OF GUNNISON CREEKS TO PEAKS TRAILS PROJECT**, be introduced, read, passed and adopted this 11th day of February, 2014.

Roll call vote, yes: Riggs, Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

City Attorney Kathleen Fogo: nothing further to report.

City Manager: Ken Coleman reported on the following: snow plowing continues with limited crews and limited resources; the City budgets conservatively every year for snowplowing with \$6,000 budgeted for contract services this year, therefore he will be back to discuss possible budget overages at the end of the snow season; there have been a few encounters of an ugly kind with the snowplows and the City will put it right for damages; an insurance claim has been filed for the City Hall sewer line backup to help cover the costs of the damages to the phone system; 2014 Departmental Workplans are in development; the Community Center has been busy with a Middle School student event that hosted over 100 kids; it was a fun lunch with the employees at Cranor today and the ski conditions are great; and Cranor Hill will host the President's Day Oh-Be-Joyful event on Monday with slalom races and jumping contests.

Acting City Manager: Community Development Director Steve Westbay stated the Oh-Be-Joyful event dates back to the 1970's.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson. Informed Council the Youth City Council students met with two community representatives and the names for the two VanTuyl Ranch recreational trail loops were selected. Those names will be unveiled this spring out at the trails.

WSCU Liaison: Amber Leal reported on the following: the Crested Butte Extreme's are taking place this weekend with many WSCU students participating; the new Fieldhouse has been opened to the track team and will open for students on March 28th; the Western Alumni Weekend is this weekend; there will be over 100 students for the February 21st Preview Day; the Board of Trustees will be meeting and will announce the new Western President tomorrow night; she will be attending the Board of Trustees meeting in Denver on Thursday; there are discussion about adding a School of Business to Western; and the Masters in Environmental Management has 36 deposits for next year's program, well above the needed 15 to 16 participants.

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Non-Scheduled Citizens: None.

City Council Discussion, Meeting Reports, Items for Work Session:

Councilor Riggs: reported she and other team members gave a presentation to the Mayors' and Managers' meeting last week on the Community Builders Leadership Institute they attended. The team is looking at developing a valley-wide vision and hitting the ground running. Councilor Riggs reported she attended the Tourism Association meeting this morning and they had a conversation on the future of marijuana tourism. A TA policy on the topic will be developed. Lastly, Aaron Blunck, a 17 year old skier from Crested Butte will be skiing in the Olympics half-pipe competition.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson: reported the Agriculture Incubator Project is moving forward and they are closing in on a final document. The Planning & Zoning Commission meets tomorrow evening and the Master Plan review process will be discussed. There will be a lot of community input.

Councilor Steinbeck: reported she attended the Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority meeting in Crested Butte and that group discussed the name of the planned employee housing units. It is currently named "Caddis Flats" but many would like to change the name. The Housing Authority is searching for grants for project funding. She attended the Honors Ceremony during the Western basketball game, which they won by a slim margin. She noted that City Council-WSCU Liaison Amber Leal's picture is included in the scrolling photos at the Western State Visitor Center. Lastly, she, along with Councilor Hagan, participated in the welcome committee for 6 German journalists that were guests of the Tourism Association and touring the Gunnison Valley.

Councilor Hagan: reported he enjoyed welcoming the German journalists. He attended and enjoyed the Youth City Council meeting where he helped selected the new trail names. The Trails Commission meeting was cancelled due to snow. And, he enjoyed the employee lunch at Cranor today.

Mayor Drexel: thanked staff for the employee lunch today and said it is a good way to honor the employees and all of the work they do. There are also some really good skiers employed at the City.

Adjournment: Mayor Drexel called for any further discussion, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 9:01 P.M.



Mayor



City Clerk